

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2512
Unger-Roesch House
2820 Oak Grove Avenue
Baltimore County
Circa 1818
Private

Constructed in 1818, the Unger-Roesch House, is located near Baltimore City in the Thirteenth District of Baltimore County. The Unger-Roesch House is located on the Dawson Estate on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. According to the previous MHT Field Survey Form, this house was the west wing of the English Consul Mansion in the Baltimore Highlands. This section was reserved for the servants to the Dawson family. It was Otto F. Unger who moved the house to its present location in 1915. The Bromley Atlas of 1915 shows Conrad H. Unger the owner of the property. The discussed dwelling does not appear to have been separated from the main house according to the Bromley Atlas. By 1918, this property was under the ownership of Fredericka M. Roesch. The English Consul Mansion is located at 2820 Oak Grove Avenue.

This Federal-style dwelling is two-and-a-half stories and five bays wide. It has a random rubble foundation supporting a wood-frame structural system with brick gable ends. The front and rear elevations are clad with wood shingles, while the gable-ends are clad with stucco. The historic principle elevation, which now faces the rear of the property, features a central entrance with a two-leaf wood paneled door with an 8-light transom and is flanked by 8-light side-lights which are now blocked. An elliptical portico with wood Tuscan columns and dentils highlights the entrance. The first floor has four evenly-spaced windows, repeated in the second story with an additional window located over the entrance. The windows are double-hung wood sash with 6/1-lights set in square-edged wood surrounds. Battered Tuscan wood pilasters decorate the corners of the dwelling. The house has a side gable roof covered with standing-seam metal and has overhanging eaves clad in aluminum. Two gable dormers are seen on the north elevation. The house has four interior-end brick chimneys. A one-story, one-bay, random rubble section was added to the east elevation after the house was moved. A carport with brick piers and a shed roof was added onto the west elevation of the house. A one-story, three-bay garage, circa 1920, is sited to the east of the dwelling.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Unger-Roesch House

other

2. Location

street and number 2820 Oak Grove Avenue not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charlyn & Mark W. Carter

street and number 2820 Oak Grove Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21227-2133

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 109, 116

city, town Towson liber 15263 folio 558

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2	0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This Federal-style dwelling, constructed in 1818, was moved to its current grassy lot on Oak Grove Avenue in 1915. The two-and-a-half stories, five-bay house has a random rubble foundation supporting a wood-frame and masonry structural system. The front and back elevations are wood-frame clad with wood shingles, while the gable-ends are brick covered with stucco. The historic principle elevation, which now faces the rear of the property, features a central entrance with a two-leaf wood paneled door with an 8-light transom and is flanked by 8-light side-lights which are now blocked. An elliptical portico with wood Tuscan columns and dentils highlights the entrance. The first floor has four evenly-spaced windows, repeated in the second story with an additional window located over the entrance. The windows are double-hung wood sash with 6/1-lights set in square-edged wood surrounds. Battered Tuscan wood pilasters decorate the corners of the dwelling. The house has a side gable roof covered with standing-seam metal and has overhanging eaves clad in aluminum. Two wood-frame, gable dormers, missing cladding and windows, rise from the roof. The house also has four interior-end brick chimneys. A one-story, one-bay, random rubble building was added to the east elevation after the house was moved. The addition features one opening with a brick surround which originally contained a window but is now boarded-up with aluminum siding. The replacement side-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has an aluminum clad soffit. A carport with brick piers and a shed roof was added onto the west elevation of the house.

The rear-elevation of the house, which now faces the street, has an uneven façade featuring a central entrance with a one-leaf wood paneled door and a 4-light transom shaded by a portico supported on brick piers. The windows and surrounds match those found on the historic façade, and the dormer on this elevation contains a 4-light casement window. The stone addition has a wood paneled door and a blocked window, and the carport is partially enclosed with plywood and features a vinyl double-hing sash window with 8/8-lights.

A one-story, three-bay garage, circa 1920, is sited to the east of the dwelling. Constructed of rock-face concrete-block, the garage has two roll-up aluminum doors and one, one-leaf metal door. The doors are surrounded by aluminum siding. The hipped roof has overhanging eaves with an aluminum-clad soffit, and is covered with standing-seam metal sheets.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1818 Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1818, 1915 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Constructed in 1818, the Unger-Roesch House, is located near Baltimore City in the Thirteenth District of Baltimore County. In 1877, the Thirteenth District was the smallest in land area of all the thirteen districts. It is located on the southern section of Baltimore County to the west of Baltimore City and Patapsco River, and just north of Anne Arundel County. At this time, both the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad traversed through the district.(1) The Unger-Roesch House is located on the Dawson Estate on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. According to the previous MHT Field Survey Form, this house was the west wing of the English Consul Mansion in the Baltimore Highlands. This section was reserved for the servants to the Dawson family. It was Otto F. Unger who moved the house to its present location in 1915. The Bromley Atlas of 1915 shows Conrad H. Unger the owner of the property.(2) The discussed dwelling does not appear to have been separated from the main house by the Bromley Atlas. By 1918, this property was under the ownership of Fredericka M. Roesch. The English Consul Mansion is located at 2820 Oak Grove Avenue.(3)

ENDNOTES

1. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).
2. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).
3. Historical information taken from the previous MHT Field Survey Form.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.378 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Relay

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Unger-Roesch House, constructed in 1818, is located near Baltimore City in the Thirteenth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with tax map 109 parcel 116 since its move to its current location.

11. Form Prepared By

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BALTIMORE COUNTY
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Account Identifier: District - 13 Account Number - 1316550250

Owner Information

Owner Name: CARTER CHARLYN
CARTER MARK W
Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 2820 OAK GROVE AVE
BALTIMORE MD 21227-2133
Deed Reference: 1) /15263/ 558
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
2820 OAK GROVE AVE

Legal Description
.378 AC
2820 OAK GROVE AVE NES
63FT E OF COLONIAL AVE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
109	5	116						80	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town Ad Valorem Tax Class						
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area	Property Land Area			County Use		
1850			5,020 SF	16,465.00 SF			04		
Stories		Basement		Type			Exterior		
2 1/2		YES		STANDARD UNIT			ASBESTOS SHINGLE		

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2004	Phase-in Assessments	
			As Of 07/01/2004	As Of 07/01/2005
Land:	34,360	39,360		
Improvements:	78,340	80,630		
Total:	112,700	119,990	115,130	117,560
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: PLUMMER ROLAND J
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH
Date: 06/05/2001
Deed1: /15263/ 558
Price: \$103,000
Deed2:
Seller: SCHONFELD PAUL ETAL
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH
Date: 04/19/1963
Deed1: / 5052/ 333
Price: \$0
Deed2:
Seller:
Type:
Date:
Deed1:
Price:
Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2004	07/01/2005
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

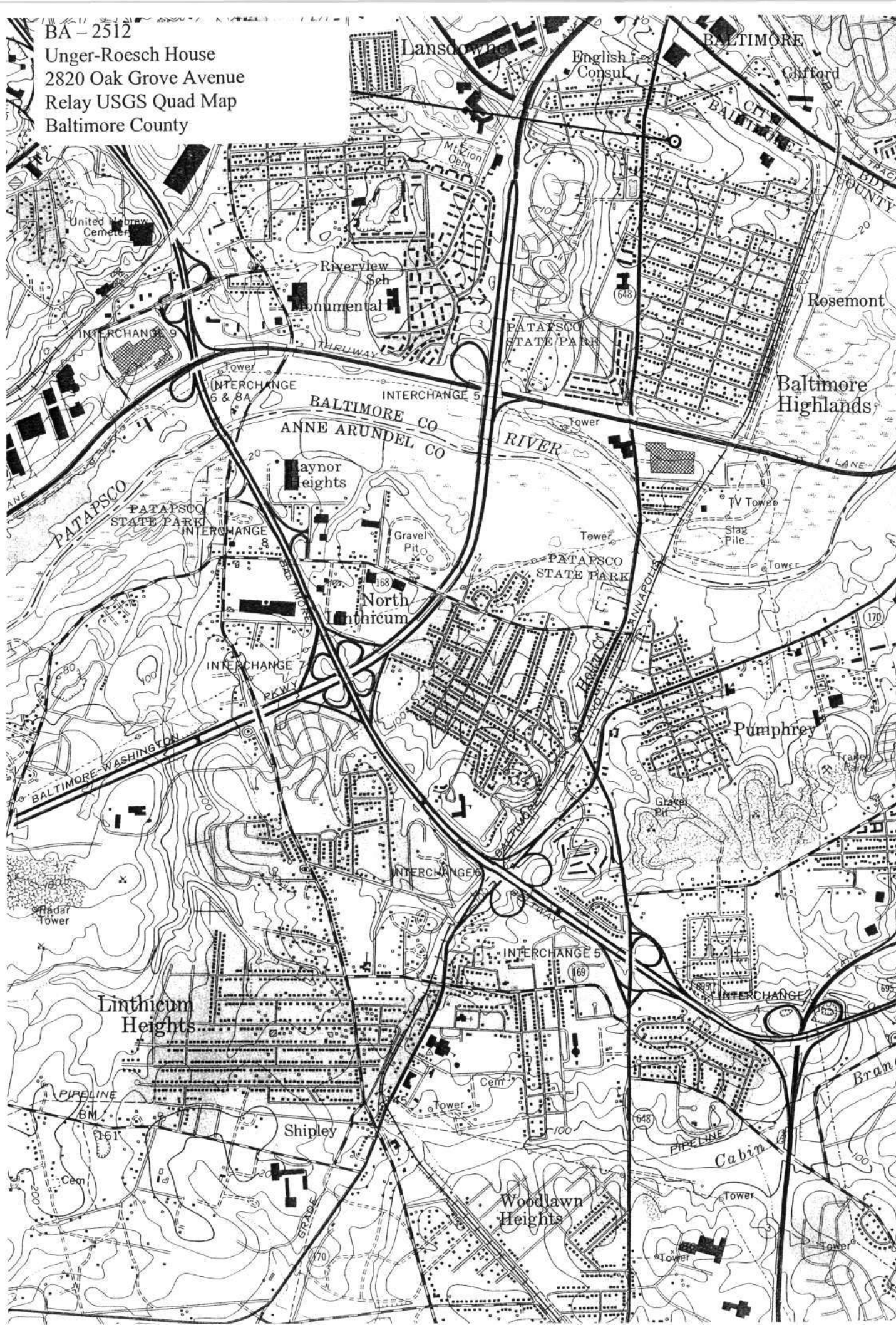
Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

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Unger-Roesch House
2820 Oak Grove Avenue
Relay USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County





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LINGER-ROESCH HOUSE

2820 OAK GROVE AVENUE

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HOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER



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UNGER-ROESCH HOUSE

2820 OAK GROVE AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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HOUSE, NORTHEAST CORNER

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2820 OAK GROVE AVENUE

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TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, SOUTH ELEVATION

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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HOUSE, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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2820 OAK GROVE AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

8/2002

MD SHPO

GARAGE, SOUTH ELEVATION

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UNGER-ROESCH HOUSE - 1818 - ²⁸²⁰~~280~~ Oak Grove Avenue, English Consul-Baltimore Highlands. This frame house was the west wing of the English Consul mansion and had been occupied by the Dawson family's servants. It was pulled loose and moved down the street on greased planks by Otto F. Unger in or about 1915. Shown in 1918 tax ledger (District 13, folio 111) as property of Frederick A. M. Roesch (actually Fredericka M.) Hip roofed. Dimensions given in 1918 were 20 by 53 feet. The English Consul mansion survives at 2812 Oak Grove Avenue (Cf. MHT Site No. BA).